

MONTANA LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Chapter 342 1997

Bill H 202 S _____ Original bill & history ✓c

H. Committee on Transportation

Hearing Date(s) h 1/22 _____ c

✓ 1/28 _____ c

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S. Committee on Highway & Trans

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✓ 3/12 _____ c

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Did this bill originate in an interim committee? _____ Yes _____ No

Committee _____

Report _____

HB 201 INTRODUCED BY KRENZLER, ET AL. *LC0692 DRAFTER: BOHYER*

REVISE THE REQUIRED FREQUENCY FOR INVENTORYING COUNTY
TOOLS, MACHINERY, AND EQUIPMENT FROM ANNUALLY TO
BIENNIALLY

1/09	INTRODUCED		
1/09	FIRST READING		
1/09	REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT		
1/21	HEARING		
1/24	COMMITTEE REPORT—BILL PASSED		
1/25	2ND READING PASSED	75	21
1/27	3RD READING PASSED	79	18
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE		
1/28	FIRST READING		
1/28	REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT		
3/11	HEARING		
3/12	COMMITTEE REPORT—BILL CONCURRED		
3/14	2ND READING CONCURRED	49	0
3/15	3RD READING CONCURRED	47	0
	RETURNED TO HOUSE		
3/21	SIGNED BY SPEAKER		
3/21	SIGNED BY PRESIDENT		
3/21	TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR		
3/24	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR		
	CHAPTER NUMBER 128		
	EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/97		

HB 202 INTRODUCED BY GALVIN, ET AL. *LC0942 DRAFTER: KURTZ*

ESTABLISH MONTANA HIGHWAY 3 BETWEEN BILLINGS AND GREAT FALLS

1/09	INTRODUCED		
1/09	FIRST READING		
1/09	REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION		
1/09	FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED		
1/15	FISCAL NOTE RECEIVED		
1/16	FISCAL NOTE PRINTED		
1/20	FISCAL NOTE PRINTED		
1/22	HEARING		
1/28	COMMITTEE REPORT—BILL PASSED		
1/30	2ND READING PASSED	90	9
1/31	3RD READING PASSED	87	11
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE		
2/03	FIRST READING		
2/03	REFERRED TO HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION		
2/20	HEARING		
3/04	TABLED IN COMMITTEE		
3/12	COMMITTEE REPORT—BILL CONCURRED AS AMENDED		
3/14	2ND READING CONCURRED	49	0
3/15	3RD READING CONCURRED	41	6
	RETURNED TO HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS		
4/09	2ND READING AMENDMENTS CONCURRED	92	7
4/11	3RD READING CONCURRED AS AMENDED	83	14
4/15	SIGNED BY SPEAKER		
4/17	SIGNED BY PRESIDENT		
4/18	TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR		
4/22	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR		
	CHAPTER NUMBER 342		
	EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/97		

House BILL NO. 202

INTRODUCED BY:

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING MONTANA HIGHWAY 3 BETWEEN BILLINGS AND GREAT FALLS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Montana highway 3. (1) The portion of Montana highway 3 and U.S. highway 12 from Billings to Harlowton via Lavina, proceeding north on U.S. highway 191 to U.S. highway 87, northwest along U.S. highway 87 to Montana highway 200, continuing along Montana highway 200 through the intersection with U.S. highway 89, and along U.S. highway 87/89 to Great Falls is designated as Montana highway 3.

(2) The department shall erect and maintain signs designating Montana highway 3 along the route established in subsection (1).

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 1997.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0202, as introducedDESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act establishing "Montana Highway 3" between Billings and Great Falls.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. A Montana 3 route marker will be installed in conjunction, and consistent with, current route markers or signs. This may necessitate the installation of additional posts, brackets, sign reinforcement backing, and/or the replacement of large overhead and/or route junction signs.
2. The Montana Highway 3 route markers will not displace existing markers for other routes nor will markers for other routes be removed.
3. Costs are based on estimated signing required for the miles and junctions associated with the route. The actual number of signs and associated cost would not be known until an inventory of current route signing is conducted and a determination made as to the best method of adding the Montana 3 designation markers. Estimated 60 signs will be required and a post will have to be installed with each sign.
4. Costs are based on contractor estimated costs.
5. State tourist maps will have to be modified. The next tourist map will not be published until the spring of calendar 1998.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY98</u>	<u>FY99</u>
	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expense	16,185	0
<u>Funding:</u>		
Highway Special Revenue (02)	16,185	0
<u>Net Impact on Fund Balance:</u> (Revenues minus expenditures)		
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LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

The Montana Department of Transportation will be required to install and maintain an additional set of route markers over the majority of the proposed route. Signs have a limited life and would require periodic replacement when they no longer maintain acceptable reflectivity, or are damaged due to vandalism or other causes. This proposal will result in additional future costs for repairs and replacements of additional Montana 3 signs.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

There is only one stretch of the proposed designated route that is currently signed as Montana 3. All other sections of the route are signed as US87, US89, US12, US191 and/or Montana 200. The proposed route also encompasses portions of the following state, federal or private route designations: 10th Avenue South (signed), Charles M. Russell Trail (signed), Lewis and Clark Trail, Old West Trail, Lewis and Clark Highway, and Nez Perce Trail (signed).

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This proposal is not intended to remove any existing signs.

Dave Lewis 1-15-97
 DAVE LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
 Office of Budget and Program Planning

Patrick G. Galvin 1-15-97
 PATRICK G. GALVIN, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

Fiscal Note Request, HB0202, as introduced**HB 202**

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PATRICK G. GALVIN, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

Fiscal Note Request, HB0202, as introduced

Rev. HB 202 #2

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Shiell Anderson, on January 22, 1997,
at 3:05 P.M., in Room 420

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Shiell W. Anderson, Chairman (R)
Rep. Rick Jore, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Patrick G. Galvin, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Matt Brainard (R)
Rep. Robert C. Clark (R)
Rep. Charles R. Devaney (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Marian W. Hanson (R)
Rep. Rod Marshall (R)
Rep. Gerald Pease (D)
Rep. William M. "Bill" Ryan (D)
Rep. Dorothy C. Simpson (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Sonny Hanson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 233, 1-20-97
HB 145, 1-20-97
HB 202, 1-20-97

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 233

"AN ACT ALLOWING A COUNTY TO RETAIN FEES FOR GVW PERMITS ISSUED
BY A COUNTY; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-10-126, MCA."

Sponsor: Rep. Robert Story, HD 24

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.5 .}

Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice. (EXHIBIT 4)
(Neither Proponent nor Opponent)

Opponents: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 60.1 - 65.8; }

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Ryan, Simpson, Anderson.

Reponses from Brenda Nordlund, Madalyn Quinlan, Rep. Peck.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 66.7;

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Peck closed the Hearing on HB 145.

HEARING ON HB 202

DESIGNATE MONTANA HIGHWAY 3 BETWEEN BILLINGS AND GREAT FALLS.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 67.3; }

Sponsor: Rep. Pat Galvin, HD 48.

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Galvin said the Bill would establish a more direct or a favorable route between Billings and Great Falls.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 70.0 - 71.3; }

Proponents: Rep. Bill Ryan, HD 44.

Opponents: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 72.3 - 79.8; }

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Marshall, Barnett, Wells, Anderson.

Responses from Rep. Galvin; John Blacker, Administrator, Maintenance Department, Department of Transportation; Dave Galt, Administrator, Motor Carrier Services Division, Department of Transportation.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 81.1; }

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Galvin closed the Hearing on HB 202.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 81.4 - 88.5; }

Bob Luce, Salt Lake City, discussed the Multi-State Highway Transportation Agreement (EXHIBIT 5).

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 03 - 11.6; }

Mr. Luce continued discussing (EXHIBIT 5).

MULTI-STATE HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

Created by statute and dedicated to the safe, efficient movement of people and goods.

Arizona California Colorado Idaho Montana Nevada New Mexico Oregon Utah Washington Wyoming

November, 1996

Chairman:

Ray W. Harrison
WY House of Representatives

Immediate Past-Chairman:

Michael Waddoups
UT House of Representatives

Chairman-Elect:

Jo An Wood
ID House of Representatives

Vice-Chairman:

David Berry
Swift Transportation

Secretary:

Jerry Overton
AZ House of Representatives

Treasurer:

Sharon Nichols
Western Highway Institute

Consultant:

G. Robert Luce
GRL Associates

To: MHTA Officers, Directors, Members and Associates

From: WY Rep. Ray Harrison
Chairman

Subject: MHTA 1996 Annual Report

Our MHTA has experienced the most successful and productive year in the history of our organization. I have been proud to be your Chairman and forward to you our 1996 Annual Report which includes both a photographic and a written summary of our activities and events.

MHTA's continued expansion and focus on transportation priorities in the West and Nationwide could not have been possible without your generous financial support and participation in our achievements. My personal thanks to each of you for your strong support to our group.

The 1996 Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, NM and our MHTA Transportation Seminar in Jackson, WY this past year demonstrated the Legislative, State DOT and Private Sector cooperation on both national and state transportation priorities to our western states. As well, MHTA's leadership in developing the principles for a 1997 Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill in Congress, our priorities for states' rights issues in air quality legislation, our MHTA focus on ITS Technology and NAFTA Trade Routes and our continual emphasis on uniformity of commercial vehicle size & weights have been highlights of this past year.

Again, my thanks to each of you for your assistance to make MHTA the most dynamic, effective transportation legislative organization in the west. Please review this annual report and forward any suggestions for our 1997 MHTA program to Robert Luce, our Executive Consultant at GRL Associates, 5133 N. Central Ave., #216, Phoenix, AZ 85012 or you can call 602-266-6521 with your ideas. I can assure you that your new 1997 MHTA Chairman, ID Rep. Jo An Wood will continue our tradition of leadership, excellence and professional legislative transportation successes for each of our MHTA states.

Your dedication and commitment to MHTA is needed in 1997 to continue our achievements. We look forward to having you with us at our transportation sessions and as a part of our legislative priorities in the new year.

Sincerely,


WY Rep. Ray Harrison
Chairman

EXHIBIT 5
DATE 1-22-97

Multi-State Highway Transportation Agreement

1996 Annual Report

In accordance with the Multi-State Highway Transportation Agreement (MHTA) revised statutes of the eleven western states, the following is an annual report of the activities and achievements of MHTA for the year of 1996. Copies of both photographic and written summaries of this past year are enclosed.

Wyoming Representative Ray Harrison became the 1996 MHTA Chairman at the MHTA Annual Meeting in the fall of 1995 at the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City. This gathering was held adjacent to the Council of State Governments Meeting to conserve in both financial and time costs for the MHTA membership.

Chairman Harrison established an MHTA planning meeting in January, 1996 to establish the goals, priorities and action plan for MHTA in the 1996 calendar year. Items discussed at this session included membership expansion, educational seminars and meetings, ITS Technology, Commercial Vehicle Uniformity, Size & Weight, NAFTA and Border Crossings, the Air Quality mandates by the EPA, State Highway Finance, and potential principles for the 1997 Surface Transportation Policy Act to be adopted by Congress. A special preview and viewing of the 1996 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA was included in this MHTA Annual Planning Meeting.

At the direction of the MHTA Executive Committee, Consultant Robert Luce visited with MHTA members from each of the eleven western states either during the Legislative Session or at the MHTA Seminars and Meetings. Mr. Luce promoted MHTA activities, programs and events on both national and state legislative priorities. Mr. Luce testified and met with members of the State Legislative Transportation Committees outlining the goals, programs and special events to be held in the 1996 calendar year. He also testified before the Colorado Transportation Commission on MHTA priorities with the assistance of CO Rep. Shirleen Tucker and CO DOT Executive Glenn Vaad.

MHTA assumed a leadership position in the Congressional approval of the National Highway System legislation which provided \$13 Billion for national highway construction and maintenance over the next two years. MHTA's state legislative leadership from throughout the eleven western states joined together in Washington, D.C. to meet with their US Senators and Representatives to urge passage of this NHS bill. The legislation was passed by Congress and signed by the President on November 28, 1995.

Recognizing the importance of Intelligent Transportation System Technology and International Trade Routes, MHTA highlighted both topics at the Legislative Transportation Seminar in June, 1996 in Jackson, WY and at the MHTA 1996 Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, NM. Transportation specialists, consultants, officials and executives discussed both topics with members and provided answers to questions asked by convention attendees to assist in legislative decisions made by MHTA states.

The Truck Size & Weight as well as the Cost Allocation studies being conducted by the Federal Highway Administration were reviewed for MHTA delegates at the Transportation Seminar in Jackson, WY and at the Annual Meeting in Santa Fe with the Commitment to provide the final results in 1997.

A major focus of the June, 1996 Transportation Seminar and Annual Meeting was the approval of principles for the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act by Congress in 1997. During the Transportation Seminar in Jackson, WY, these statements of principles were approved unanimously by the delegates of the eleven Western States. At the MHTA Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, a special program to urge the US Congress to approve the Western States ISTEA Reauthorization principles was accepted. Additionally, a 50-state organization of State Legislators, DOT Officials and private sector members was adopted. AZ Rep. Jerry Overton & CA Comm. Dan McCorquodale were selected to be Co-Chairmen of this national surface transportation coalition called Americans for Safe & Efficient Transportation (ASET). Plan proposals and programs were established to expand this organization into a 50-state group and conduct a fly-in to Washington, D.C. in 1997 to personally visit with US Senate & House Representatives and urge their support & vote for the MHTA positions in the 1997 Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act.

The 1996 MHTA Annual Meeting was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico in conjunction with the CSG-West Annual Meeting. Idaho Rep. Jo An Wood was elected Chairman with a comprehensive eleven state legislative and private sector Board of Directors. The agenda and photo brief are enclosed in this report. A 1997 Planning Meeting was arranged for December 1996 in Phoenix. Thank you for your interest and support to MHTA.

MHTA has achieved new programs, projects and activities in 1996 and has expanded membership, legislative issues and special events. MHTA will continue to provide legislative leadership in transportation and activities within the West and throughout the nation. We ask your continued support to insure positive interstate transportation developments for your state and the entire MHTA western region.

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Multi-State Highway Transportation Agreement

Volume 1, Number 1 1996

Rep. Harrison Elected MHTA Chairman

Wyoming Rep. Ray Harrison was elected Chairman of the Multi-State Highway Transportation Agreement at the Annual Meeting which was held in Salt Lake City, Utah. The MHTA is the eleven state Western Region Organization of state legislators, DOT officials and private sector members dedicated to the safe, efficient movement of people and goods. MHTA celebrated it's 20th anniversary last year and during that time has addressed issues relating to the inter-state transfer of freight including size and weight laws, the movement of hazardous materials, the establishment of joint ports of entry, diesel emission inspection and highway finance. In 1995, MHTA joined with national legislative groups representing the West and provided leadership in the passage of the National Highway System, which was signed by President Clinton on November 28.

"I am honored and privileged to serve as your MHTA Chairman this year", stated WY Rep. Harrison. "Our MHTA organization continues to grow in size and stature. We will provide leadership on both state and national transportation issues throughout the year. I hope that each of you will join me to make 1996 our most successful year."



Wyoming Senator Grant Larson of Jackson Hole, WY visits with MHTA Chairman WY Rep. Ray Harrison and U-W Freight Lines President Dave Free to discuss the MHTA Transportation Seminar to be held in Jackson, WY June 6-8, 1996, making arrangements for this outstanding, productive session.

Exhibit # 5 - Vol 1, Num 1
1996 MHTA

The full exhibit is available from:
MT Historical Society Archives
225 North Roberts
P.O. Box 201201
Helena, MT. 59602-1201
Phone: (406) 444-4775

MHTA Seminar In Jackson Hole, Wyoming

The 1996 MHTA Transportation Seminar will be held June 6-8 at the Snow King Lodge in Jackson, WY. A new record attendance is anticipated at this eleven state Western Region meeting. Highlights of the program include Wyoming Governor Jim Geringer as a keynote speaker with representatives from the US DOT and FHWA as featured speakers. Executives from the public and private sector are also on the agenda discussing NAFTA, Air Quality and the Environment, Motor Fuel Issues, Pavement Materials, Size and Weight Studies and Technology in Trucking. A special feature will include the MHTA policy development for Federal Highway Reauthorization legislation to be passed by Congress late next year.

"This Transportation Seminar will focus on the major issues which have been requested by our MHTA member states and our private sector membership. It will be the most productive session ever produced. Our Wyoming Legislative Leadership looks forward to having our MHTA Legislative and Industry associates from throughout the West with us in Jackson", said MHTA Chairman Ray Harrison. "I am especially pleased to have WY Senator Grant Larson and WY Rep Clarene Law, both of Jackson Hole, to be our Seminar Co-Chairmen and hosts for this meeting. We need the input from all of our members on the state issues as well as Federal Highway Reauthorization."

MULTI-STATE HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES SEMINAR

Thursday, June 6 - Saturday, June 8, 1996

**Snow King Lodge
Jackson Hole, Wyoming**

Issues:

- **Federal Size and Weight Standards for the West**
- **WASHTO Highway Transport Committee Report**
- **Joint Ports of Entry & Permit Process in the Western States**
- **NAFTA and Western Border Crossings**
- **ISTEA II Reauthorization Hearings and Resolutions**
- **Highway Transportation Funding in the West**
- **Air Quality and Environmental Issues**

Agenda

Thursday, June 6, 1996

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	MHTA Golf Tournament
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception

Friday, June 7, 1996

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	General Session I
12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.	Chairman's Luncheon: Keynote Speaker Gov. Jim Geringer (invited)
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	General Session II

Saturday, June 8, 1996

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	General Session III
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	MHTA Board Meeting

MHTA PHOTO BRIEF

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June 1996

MHTA Takes Leadership on Transportation Solutions

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MHTA Photo Brief

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MHTA Leadership

(L-R) UT Rep. Michael Waddoups; AZ Rep. Jerry Overton; WY Sen. Grant Larson; ID Rep. Jo An Wood;
MHTA Chairman WY Rep. Ray Harrison; Governor Geringer; Dave Berry; Don Diller; WY Rep. Clarene Law; Barry Diseth.



MHTA Chairman WY Rep. Ray Harrison welcomes members to the Transportation Seminar in Jackson, WY.

(L-R) MHTA Consultant Bob Luce; ID Rep. Jo An Wood; CO Rep. Shirleen Tucker; WY Rep. Ray Harrison.



MHTA Director Charlie Atherton and other Koch Materials executives present Koch Materials' check for new membership in MHTA to MHTA Chairman WY Rep. Ray Harrison.

(L-R) Mike O'Leary; MHTA Chairman WY Rep. Ray Harrison; Charlie Atherton; Kevin Clement.



MHTA members visit with US DOT official Dave DeCarme following his presentation on NAFTA Trade Routes.

(L-R) Jim Patterson, UPS; Bob Luce; Dave DeCarme; UT Rep. Michael Waddoups.



MHTA Director CO Rep. Shirleen Tucker visits with Director Joe Polizzi of UPS and company executives from Denver.

(L-R) Joe Polizzi; Jim Ziernicki; CO Rep. Shirleen Tucker; Chuck Duprey; Pat Thomas.

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Shiell Anderson, on January 27, 1997,
at 3:00 p.m., in Room 420.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Shiell W. Anderson, Chairman (R)
Rep. Rick Jore, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Patrick G. Galvin, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
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Rep. William M. "Bill" Ryan (D)
Rep. Dorothy C. Simpson (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Sonny Hanson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None
Executive Action: HB 99-DO PASS AS AMENDED 17-0
HB 93-DO PASS 16-0
HB 242 TABLED 15-1
HB 202-DO PASS 16-0
HB 233-TABLED 16-0

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 99

Motion: Rep. Ryan moved HB 99 DO PASS.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.8; }

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 202

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.4; }

Motion: Rep. Pat Galvin moved HB 202 DO PASS.

Discussion: Reps. Simpson, Anderson, Devaney.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously, 16 - 0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 233

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.6; }

Motion: Rep. Charles Devaney moved DO PASS.

Discussion: Reps. Ryan, Devaney, Marshall, Anderson, Bitney.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.6; Comments: .}

Rep. Ryan and Rep. Devaney will study the Bill and talk to the Sponsor to clear up some concerns.

Motion/ Vote: Rep. Joe Barnett moved to TABLE HB 233. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ARNIE MOHL, on February 20, 1997, at
3:24 PM, in Room 410

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Arnie A. Mohl, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mack Cole, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Larry Baer (R)
Sen. Bob DePratu (R)
Sen. John R. Hertel (R)
Sen. Ric Holden (R)
Sen. Reiny Jabs (R)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Linda J. Nelson (D)
Sen. Barry "Spook" Stang (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Connie Erickson, Legislative Services Division
Phoebe Kenny, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 93 and HB 202,
Posted 2-17-97
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 93

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE TONI HAGENER, HD 90, Havre

Proponents:

Bud Williams, Inn Keepers Association
Matthew Cohn, MT Department of Commerce

Opponents: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

SENATOR REINY JABS, is this a scenic highway?

REPRESENTATIVE HAGENER, I am not sure, it is designated as the "Old Forts Trail".

SENATOR MACK COLE, Are there any signs along these roads now that indicate it as the Old Forts Trail?

REPRESENTATIVE HAGENER, no, there is nothing along the trail.

SENATOR COLE, is the road out of Havre an oil road?

REPRESENTATIVE HAGENER, Havre North, the last nine miles are not paved.

SENATOR JABS, will this be advertised for tourists?

REPRESENTATIVE HAGENER, yes it will be advertised and promoted.

CHAIRMAN MOHL, does this affect the construction and funding in any way.

REPRESENTATIVE HAGENER, the department said no, that it was just a matter of signing it.

Closing by Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE HAGENER, I hope you would Concur with this and if you have too many tourists in your area send them North. Thank you.

HEARING ON HB 202

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK GALVIN, HD 48, Great Falls

Proponents: NONE

Opponents: NONE

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK GALVIN, HD 48, Great Falls, this bills purpose is to establish one main route between Great Falls and Billings and designate it as Montana Highway 3. submitted written testimony. (EXHIBIT 2)

Proponents' Testimony: NONE

Opponents' Testimony: NONE

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

SENATOR JOHN HERTEL, did you say Highway 6, I thought you meant Highway 3.

REPRESENTATIVE GALVIN, Yes I am sorry it will be designated Highway 3.

SENATOR RIC HOLDEN, could you talk about the cost?

REPRESENTATIVE GALVIN, yes, the cost will come out of the funds that the Highway Department now have. They will do it at their leisure.

SENATOR MACK COLE, we will have between Billings and Lavina just Route 3, but then from Lavina to Harlowton it will be Route 3 and Route 12?

REPRESENTATIVE GALVIN, Yes. There will be no elimination of any number that you see on the map only an addition of the number 3.

SENATOR BOB DEPRATU, I enjoy driving through that country and I always take a little different route every time I go. I am wondering about the towns that are not on that route, is this the most commonly driven route? Do the towns that are not on this route have a problem with the designation?

REPRESENTATIVE GALVIN, this is the most level, shortest route. And the towns are alright with the designation, as long as there is nothing saying people can't drive the other routes.

SENATOR GREG JERGESON, is this going to change the highway mileage marker signs?

SENATOR MOHL, yes, I believe it has to.

SENATOR "SPOOK" STANG, will this change the fiscal note. You said that they are only going to do this as the need arises, if you read the fiscal note it sounds like they are going out to do this tomorrow.

REPRESENTATIVE GALVIN, that is the way the fiscal note is written but no they are not going to ask for the \$16,000 and sign it tomorrow.

Closing by Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE GALVIN, thank you for a good hearing.

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SENATE HIGHWAYS

EXHIBIT NO. 2

DATE 2-20-97

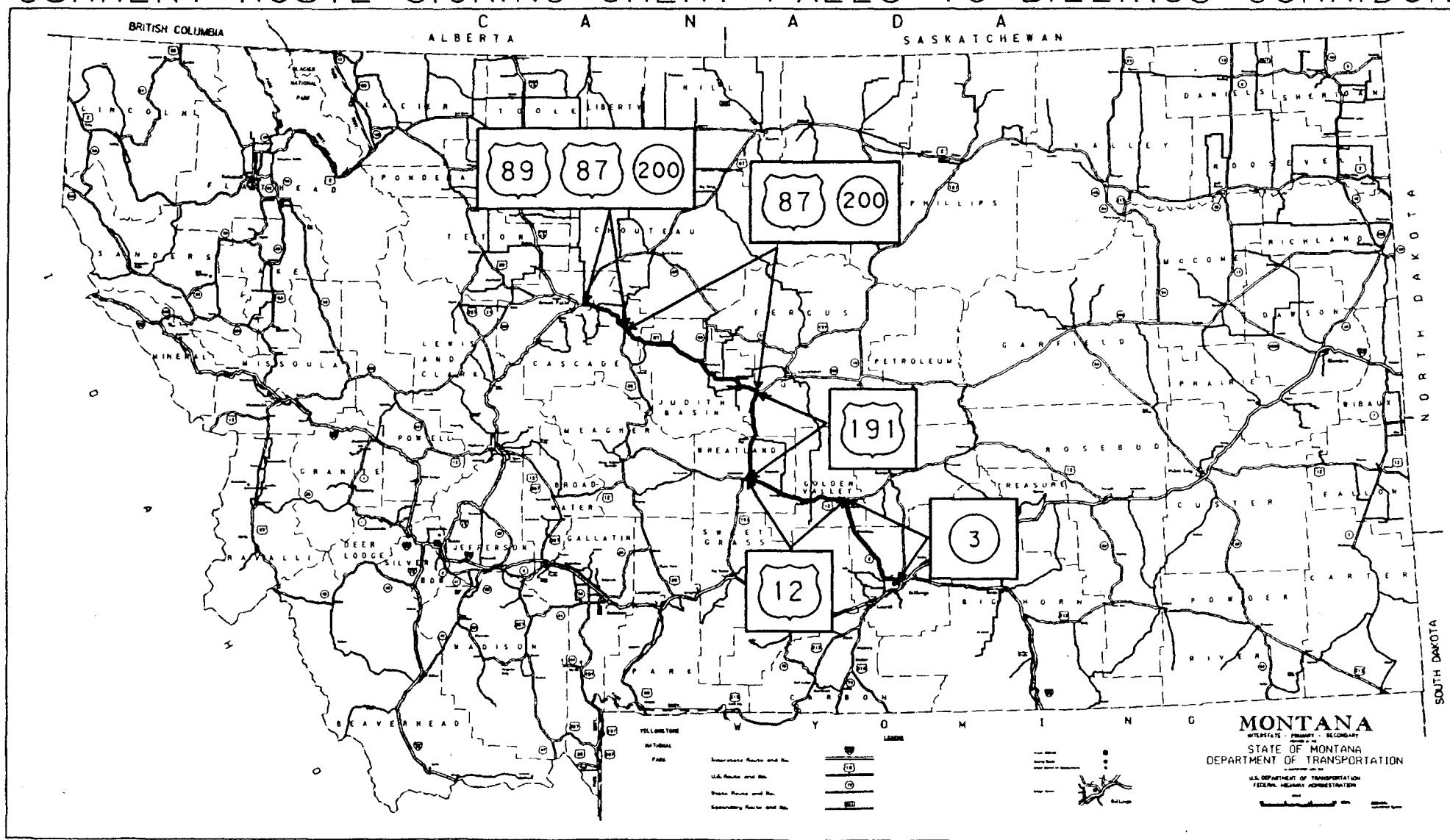
BILL NO. HB 202

This bill originated in the 53rd Session.

The purpose is to establish one main route between Billings and Great Falls, the plus is the route will be delineated on Montana maps and commerce - tourists trucking etc. would have one number to follow instead of the six as shown on your map.

Last session, the 54th, we agreed that the re-numbering was feasible. Then, when we asked when the additional sign would be installed, we were told there was nothing in writing and Transportation could not act. That is why this bill is before you today.

CURRENT ROUTE SIGNING-GREAT FALLS TO BILLINGS CORRIDOR



MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By SENATOR LINDA NELSON, on March 11, 1997, at
3:50 pm, in Room 410

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Arnie A. Mohl, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mack Cole, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Larry Baer (R)
Sen. Bob DePratu (R)
Sen. John R. Hertel (R)
Sen. Ric Holden (R)
Sen. Reiny Jabs (R)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Linda J. Nelson (D)
Sen. Barry "Spook" Stang (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Connie Erickson, Legislative Services Division
Phoebe Kenny, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 464, HB 466; Posted 3/4/97
Executive Action: HB 202 and HB 320

HEARING ON HB 464

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN WALTERS, HD 60, Hamilton

Proponents: None

Opponents:

Bob Gilbert, MT Automobile Dismantlers and Recyclers
Jerry Warren, South Side Auto Reconditioning
Loretta Miller, Green Meadow Auto Salvage
Bud Shane, Motor Vehicle Division
Harold Hansan, Hansan's Salvage
Ray Dietz, Dietz Auto and Truck Salvage

Vote: On a roll call vote, to amend from 500 to 1,000 SENATOR HOLDEN, SENATOR JERGESON, SENATOR NELSON, AND SENATOR STANG VOTED YES. THE MOTION FAILED 6 to 4.

Motion: SENATOR JERGESON WITHDREW HIS MOTION TO CONCUR IN HB 320 AND SENATOR DEPRATU MOVED TO CONCUR IN HB 320.

Vote: On a roll call vote, SENATOR JERGESON VOTED NO. MOTION PASSED 9 to 1.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 202

Motion: SENATOR STANG MOVED TO RECONSIDER ACTION ON HB 202.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Motion: SENATOR STANG MOVED A DO CONCUR WITH HB 202.

Discussion:

SENATOR HOLDEN, could you explain your philosophy behind the amendments.

Marv Dye, MT Department of Transportation, as I understood the bill it seemed that there was clearly legislative intent that we don't sign those sections of Highway 3 as Highway 3. From time to time we need to replace worn out signs, so we suggested during the normal course of business to add Highway 3 where it was appropriate.

SENATOR MOHL, how long will it take to replace these signs?

Marv Dye, conceivably it could be over ten years.

SENATOR DEPRATU, are you saying that the sign that would be replaced would say Highway 3 plus the present highway number?

Marv Dye, yes.

SENATOR HERTEL, on the maps that we purchase or obtain, how will they read?

Marv Dye, I am not exactly sure what would happen to the map. I think only one designation ends up on the map. The maps might not be correct now.

SENATOR BAER, how will this amendment affect our fiscal note?

Marv Dye, I would think it would be negligible.

Vote: Motion CARRIED.

Motion: SENATOR STANG MOVED HB 202 AS AMENDED.

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Vote: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

HOUSE BILL NO. 202

INTRODUCED BY GALVIN, TROPILA, WYATT, BOHLINGER, STOVALL, SIMON, WISEMAN, TUSS,
S. HANSON, RYAN, HERTEL, HURDLE, CRIPPEN, BISHOP, WILSON, GILLAN, MILLS, R. JOHNSON,
SCHMIDT, FRANKLIN

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING MONTANA HIGHWAY 3 BETWEEN BILLINGS
AND GREAT FALLS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Montana highway 3. (1) The portion of Montana highway 3 and U.S.
highway 12 from Billings to Harlowton via Lavina, proceeding north on U.S. highway 191 to U.S. highway
87, northwest along U.S. highway 87 to Montana highway 200, continuing along Montana highway 200
through the intersection with U.S. highway 89, and along U.S. highway 87/89 to Great Falls is designated
as Montana highway 3.

(2) The department shall erect and maintain signs designating Montana highway 3 along the route
established in subsection (1) **AND SHALL ACCOMPLISH THE SIGNING CHANGES REQUIRED IN THIS
SECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S NORMAL SIGN MAINTENANCE AND
REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE.**

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 1997.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
integral part of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, apply to
[section 1].

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